



ANNUAL REPORT

for 1971

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

R. G. BRENNEN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT

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CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT

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(Constitution at 31st December, 1971)

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STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

R. G. BRENNEN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

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Deputy Surveyor and Public Health Inspector

H.V. CACKETT, M.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector

Post Vacant

Public Health Inspectors' Clerk

Mrs. H. Lynn-Thomson

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for the District

CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT

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Tonbridge

To the Chairman and Members of the Cranbrook Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the District for 1971.

The estimated mid-year population of the District, given by the Registrar-General, was 17,520, an increase of 1,200 over the mid-1970 figure.

The total number of registered live births was 220 (113 males and 107 females), this figure being a little higher than last year's total of 214. The crude birth rate was 12.6 per 1,000 population, the corrected birth rate being 15.9 compared with 16.0 for England and Wales.

The number of deaths from all causes totalled 182 (73 males and 109 females), slightly lower than last year's total of 199. The crude death rate per 1,000 population was 10.4, the corrected death rate for the District being 9.2 compared with 11.6 for England and Wales.

Deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 3, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 14.0. The rate for England and Wales was 18.0. The Neo-Natal Death Rate (the number of deaths of infants under four weeks) was 9.0.

There were 11 deaths from Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus (7 males and 4 females), compared with 8 last year.

The number of notifiable infectious diseases recorded in the District was 63, compared with 117 in 1970.

On page 15 of this Report, figures are given showing the number of persons immunised and vaccinated during the year under review.

It will be appreciated that this report is an attempt to record the quality of life in our own small community, this in turn reflecting the work of our medical and social services against an environmental background in the planning and improving of which so much time is voluntarily spent by our Civic representatives. This is supplemented by a vast volume of voluntary effort by individuals both inside and outside these services, and to these I should like to record my indebtedness for their help on so many occasions during the year.

However, consideration of the facts of life and death in this report will, I hope, remind us that our personal habits and choice in our mode of life would be as important in improving the health of our community and reduction of the pollution of our environment, as would thought and kindness in caring for our neighbours.

Once again my sincere thanks are due to Mr. Longley and the staff of the Department, and to all those too numerous to mention, who have so patiently assisted in the compilation of these statistics.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. G. BRENNEN

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	41,315 acres
Population:	
R.G.'s Estimate mid-1971	17,520
R.G.'s Estimate mid-1970	16,320
R.G.'s Estimate mid-1971 for England and Wales	48,815,000
Density of population: i.e. number of persons per acre	0.4
Number of inhabited houses:	5,325
Rateable Value:	£549,848
Sum produced by a penny (1p) rate:	£5,040

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA
EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1971

			Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
LIVE BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	102	298	90	49	222	280	335	1,376
		Female	100	266	89	54	224	257	305	1,295
		Total	202	564	179	103	446	537	640	2,671
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	11	21	7	1	14	15	27	96
		Female	7	8	5	5	12	10	30	77
		Total	18	29	12	6	26	25	57	173
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS			220	593	191	109	472	562	697	2,844
CRUDE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 of mid year population 1971			12.6	13.0	10.4	11.3	15.0	18.1	15.6	14.3
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General			1.26	1.07	1.13	1.14	1.03	0.98	1.10	-
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE			15.9	13.9	11.8	12.9	15.5	17.7	17.2	-
STILL BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	2	2	1	-	2	2	4	13
		Female	1	6	-	1	1	3	4	16
		Total	3	8	1	1	3	5	8	29
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
		Female	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
		Total	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	4
TOTAL STILL BIRTHS			3	9	2	1	4	5	9	33
STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births			13	15	10	9	8	9	13	11.5
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS			223	602	193	110	476	567	706	2,877

	Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
INFANT DEATHS (under one year) Male Female TOTAL	- 3	6 4	- 1	- 1	2 4	2 3	6 6	16 22
	3	10	1	1	6	5	12	38
INFANT MORTALITY RATES:								
All infants per 1,000 live births	14	17	5	9	13	9	17	13.4
NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births	9	15	5	9	8	7	10	9.8
EARLY NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births	9	13	-	9	8	7	9	9.0
PERI-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births	22	28	10	18	17	16	21	20.2
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DEATHS Male Female TOTAL	73 109	221 261	84 104	42 52	134 166	148 146	259 418	961 1,256
	182	482	188	94	300	294	677	2,217
CRUDE DEATH RATE per 1,000 of mid year population 1971	10.4	10.6	10.3	9.7	9.5	9.5	15.2	11.2
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar General	0.88	0.99	0.83	0.79	0.85	0.97	0.54	-
ADJUSTED DEATH RATE	9.2	10.5	8.5	7.7	8.1	9.2	8.2	-

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	1	3
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	2	-	2
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.,	3	2	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	7	10	17
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	17	20	37
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	24	38	62
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	106	27	133
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	62	62
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	18	18
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	13	-	13
Leukaemia	4	7	11
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.,	61	71	132
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	2	5	7
Diabetes Mellitus	5	13	18
Avitaminoses, etc.,	-	1	1
Other Endocrine, etc., Diseases	-	3	3
Anaemias	3	4	7
Other Diseases of Blood, etc.,	-	2	2
Multiple Sclerosis	3	2	5
Other Diseases of Nervous System, Etc.,	9	11	20
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	8	16	24
Hypertensive Disease	20	17	37
Ischaemic Heart Disease	226	224	450
Other Forms of Heart Disease	53	121	174
Cerebrovascular Disease	107	241	348

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA
TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tonbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	2	1	-	4	1	-	3	-	-	1	1	4
2	-	5	6	1	1	1	-	2	6	2	2	4	5
-	2	8	9	2	4	1	2	3	5	2	2	8	14
7	4	25	9	8	3	9	-	11	1	22	1	24	9
-	6	-	14	-	6	-	3	-	10	-	11	-	12
-	1	-	4	-	1	-	3	-	6	-	1	-	2
2	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	1	-
-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3	1	1
4	4	16	20	6	4	3	1	4	19	10	6	18	17
-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
2	2	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	2	5
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
1	4	3	3	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	1	2
1	4	3	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	6
-	-	6	5	1	1	1	3	4	2	6	3	2	3
17	22	49	44	20	17	10	8	37	26	41	38	52	69
3	13	13	9	2	9	4	7	7	16	10	14	14	53
5	20	23	42	6	16	4	10	15	26	13	24	41	103

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	39	69	108
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	71	116	187
Bronchitis and Emphysema	62	15	77
Asthma	2	5	7
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	8	14	22
Peptic Ulcer	4	6	10
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	7	4	11
Cirrhosis of Liver	2	1	3
Other Diseases of Digestive System	11	22	33
Nephritis and Nephrosis	4	3	7
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	9	12	21
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	2	3
Other complications of Pregnancy, etc.,	-	2	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	2	7	9
Congenital Anomalies	4	7	11
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.,	6	9	15
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	3	1	4
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions	9	8	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	19	8	27
All Other Accidents	9	14	23
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	10	12	22
All Other External Causes	1	2	3
TOTALS	961	1,256	2,217

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tonbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
3	5	8	21	7	8	2	1	7	5	4	4	8	25
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
6	8	16	28	9	11	1	5	8	19	10	11	21	34
8	2	12	4	9	2	-	1	7	1	7	1	19	4
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3
-	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	3	7
-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
-	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	2	1
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
2	1	1	8	1	2	-	1	1	2	1	3	5	5
-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
2	-	-	3	-	2	-	1	1	2	2	2	4	2
-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2
-	-	2	3	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-
-	1	3	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	2	1	3
-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	2	5
3	1	3	1	4	-	-	1	4	3	2	1	3	1
1	-	2	1	-	2	1	-	-	3	2	2	3	6
-	2	2	2	1	1	-	1	2	2	2	1	3	3
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
73	109	221	261	84	104	42	52	134	166	148	146	259	418

CAUSES OF DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 24 hours	1 day to 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 wks.	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	TOTAL
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3

DEATHS FROM LUNG CANCER DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS

YEAR	20 - 34 years		35 - 44 years		45 - 64 years		65 - 74 years		75 years and over		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1962	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	1	-	-	6	1
1963	-	-	-	-	4	-	3	-	1	-	8	-
1964	-	-	-	1	3	-	3	-	1	-	7	1
1965	-	-	-	-	3	1	4	1	2	-	9	2
1966	-	-	2	-	5	1	1	-	1	1	9	2
1967	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	-	4	2
1968	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	1	3	-	8	1
1969	-	-	-	1	2	2	5	1	2	1	9	5
1970	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	1	7	1
1971	1	-	-	-	3	2	2	1	1	1	7	4
TOTALS	1	-	2	2	35	7	23	6	13	4	74	19

AGES OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Total Cases (all ages)	Under 1 year	1 year	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25-44 yrs.	45-64 yrs.	65 and over
Whooping Cough	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	59	-	4	12	6	6	31	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	63	1	4	12	6	7	33	-	-	-	-	-

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISEASE	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTALS
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Measles	-	-	20	22	-	5	5	7	-	-	-	-	59
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	1	-	20	22	-	5	7	7	1	-	-	-	63

TUBERCULOSIS

No new cases or deaths due to Tuberculosis were notified during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS - SUMMARY OF CASES

	M A L E		F E M A L E		TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Cases on register at beginning of year	76	12	49	23	160
Cases added	-	-	-	-	-
Cases removed	-	-	-	-	-
Cases remaining	76	12	49	23	160

NUMBER OF CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total Deaths
	No. of cases notified	Deaths	No. of cases notified	Deaths	
1962	2	-	1	1	1
1963	1	2	1	-	2
1964	4	1	-	-	1
1965	3	-	-	-	-
1966	2	3	-	-	3
1967	1	3	-	-	3
1968	1	-	-	-	-
1969	2	1	-	-	1
1970	2	-	-	-	-
1971	-	-	-	-	-

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1971 based on the Return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security.

YEAR OF BIRTH	P R I M A R Y						R E I N F O R C I N G						
	Triple Antigen	Diph- theria Tetanus	Small- pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio- mye- litis	Rubella	Triple Antigen	Diph- theria Tetanus	Small- pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio- mye- litis
1971	3	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1970	110	9	18	-	36	138	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1969	74	7	135	-	53	86	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1968	1	1	9	-	25	8	-	2	4	-	-	-	-
1967	-	-	3	-	12	2	-	1	11	1	-	-	42
1966	-	-	2	-	14	-	-	4	153	2	-	-	167
1964/65	-	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	30	6	-	-	35
1955/63	-	-	-	33	4	-	160	1	18	28	55	-	24
TOTALS	188	17	172	33	151	234	160	8	217	37	55	-	268

Smallpox vaccinations at County Clinics discontinued as from 30.7.71.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936
as amended by the Nursing Homes Act, 1963)

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for:		
		Maternity	Others	Total
Homes registered during year	-	-	-	-
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during year	-	-	-	-
Homes on register at end of year	2	-	166	166

Visits of inspection, and special visits as required, are made to the above Nursing Homes during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

(Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention)

No action was necessary under these Enactments during the year.

Laboratory Service

The Public Health Laboratory Service, under the Directorship of Dr. A.L. Furniss, provided excellent facilities during the year for the examination of specimens and full co-operation with the staff was maintained. Valuable facilities are also available in the Pathological Departments of the following hospitals: Kent and Sussex, Pembury, Sevenoaks and Orpington.

International Vaccination Certificates

These are authenticated on request, in accordance with International Agreements. In co-operation with the immigration authorities, persons arriving in this country from infected or suspected areas without valid certificates are kept under surveillance by the Health Department.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES OF THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

Health Services

Ambulance Facilities

Enquiries relating to ambulance service matters and requests for ambulance transport are dealt with by the Kent County Council Ambulance Service from their station in Dr. Hope's Road, Cranbrook (Tel. Cranbrook 2404).

Domiciliary Midwifery

The County Council arranges for the free attendance of midwives upon patients who are to be confined at home. The name and address of the appropriate midwife for any particular District is usually known to the patient's doctor but can be obtained from the Area Office of the County Council.

Home Nursing Service

The County Council provides a service free of charge for the attendance on persons whose doctors require them to be nursed in their own homes. The nurse's attendance is normally arranged by the doctor, but the name and address of the appropriate nurse for any particular District is obtainable from the Area Office of the County Council.

Social Services

Area Office

Area Director: Miss B. Bristow,
Social Services Department,
39, Grove Hill Road,
Tunbridge Wells
Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23342

Home Help Service

Home help service may be provided in households where it is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, aged, handicapped as a result of having suffered from illness or congenital deformity, or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary household duties.

Night and Evening Service

Evening service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or housebound and have no one to assist them to prepare for the night and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink, and attention to fires. Night service is provided, for no longer than three weeks unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and who need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

Family Care Service

This service is provided for the short-term care of children in their own homes during the absence of the mother by reason of admission to hospital for illness or confinement or in other special circumstances. Help is given to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

Family Welfare Service

This service is provided, with the parent's consent, in households where the habits, behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families, to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together, and prevent their break-up. Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-on service for nine months. In families where there is medical evidence of mental subnormality the continuance of the service after the initial period of three months may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

Health Visitors

Mrs. V.K. Randall

Miss N. Brewer

Old People's Home

Hartley House

Tel. Cranbrook 3139

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES & CLINICS

<u>Centre</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Day and Time</u>
St. George's Club Room, Benenden	Child Welfare	2nd Weds. P.M.
K.C.C. Clinic, Jockey Lane, Cranbrook Tel. Cranbrook 3032	Child Welfare School Clinic Dental	Friday P.M. 1st Tues. A.M. Thurs. all day 1st Mon. all day
Ex-Servicemen's Club, Goudhurst	Child Welfare	1st & 3rd Thurs. P.M.
Women's Institute Hall, Hawkhurst	Child Welfare	2nd & 4th Thurs. P.M.
Old School Rooms, Sandhurst	Child Welfare	1st & 3rd Tues. P.M.

Cytology Clinics by appointment only

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Hospitals

The Hospital Management Committees of the South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board covering the hospitals in the Joint Health Area are set out below:-

Tunbridge Wells Hospital Management Committee:
Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells
Tel. Tunbridge Wells 23444

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Pembury Hospital
Kent and Sussex Hospital
Homoeopathic Hospital
Tonbridge Cottage Hospital
Tunbridge Wells Maternity Hospital
Hawkenbury Hospital
Edenbridge & District Memorial Hospital
David Salomons House, Southborough
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital

Cray Valley and Sevenoaks Hospital Management Committee:
Orpington Hospital, Orpington
Tel. Orpington 27050

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Sevenoaks Hospital
Emily Jackson Wing of Sevenoaks Hospital
Sundridge Hospital

Chest Clinics

<u>Address</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Times</u>
Baltic Road, Tonbridge	Monday	2 - 4 p.m.
Pembury Hospital, Pembury	Wednesday	2 - 4 p.m.
Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells	Friday	All day
Sevenoaks Chest Clinic, Outpatients Department, Sevenoaks Hospital	Wednesday	Morning

Clinic for Treatment of Venereal Diseases

Kent & Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells	Tuesday (females)	9.30 a.m.
	Tuesday (males)	10.30 a.m.

CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

1. Water Supply

The District is well served by means of The Mid Kent Water Company. Examination reports on water samples taken during the year were as follows:-

	Bacteriological Examination			Chemical Examination		
	No. of Samples	Satis- factory	Not satis- factory	No. of Samples	Satis- factory	Not satis- factory
Statutory supply undertakings	10	10	-	2	2	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other private sources	1	1	-	-	-	-

Proportion of the total number of dwellinghouses supplied by public water mains:

- (a) Direct to houses 99%
- (b) By means of stand-pipes Nil

During the year 78 yards of 1½", 940 yards of 3" and 169 yards of 4" mains were laid by The Mid Kent Water Company.

The Council have asked the Company to lay a 4" main from Nursery Farm, Kilndown, along the A21 to a point opposite the entrance to Combwell.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

The new works at Cranbrook, although not fully completed, were brought into operation during the year. The sewer extension along High Street, Hawkhurst, was completed; measures were taken to prevent flooding from sewers at Sandhurst.

A total of 621 septic tanks were emptied.

3. Refuse Collection and Disposal

During the year additional areas of Hawkhurst and Cranbrook were given a weekly collection instead of fortnightly.

A bonus scheme for operatives has been introduced.

A new tip was commenced at Flishinghurst Orchards.

A total of 184 special collections of bulky rubbish were made; in addition a Skevibin service is now provided on rota for all Parishes so that householders can dispose of their own bulky rubbish.

4. Swimming Pools

Number of school swimming pools	...	...	...	...	...	13
Number of private swimming pools	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of visits made during the year	...	...	...	...	...	6
Number of samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

5. Inspection of the District

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	83
Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors during the year	...	...	...	1,654
Informal Notices:				
Served during the year	...	...	...	71
Complied with during the year	...	...	...	62
Statutory Notices:				
Served during the year	...	...	...	4
Complied with during the year				
(a) by owners	...	...	...	4
(b) by local authority in default	...	...	...	-
Legal proceedings taken during the year	...	...	...	-

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	362
Nuisances, etc. (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Visits to Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	151
Visits re Food Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Factories Act, 1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	49
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Shops Acts 1950/65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
Hop Pickers' Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Noise Abatement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Meat Inspection at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	683

6. Hop Pickers' Camps

Number of camps in the District	...	...	...	...	...	37
Number of huts in the District	...	...	...	...	...	300
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	700
Number of inspections of hop pickers' camps during 1971	...	...	...	...	...	26

7. Disinfestation

Infestations were dealt with as follows:-

Cockroaches 14; Cluster Flies 3; Wasps Nests 12;

8. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Properties other than Sewers:

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	NON- AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1. Number of properties in District	6,172	240
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	92	15
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	62	12
(ii) Mice	8	3
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	189	32
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	21	8
(ii) Mice	3	4

SEWERS

Sewer treatment was carried out during the year and infestations dealt with.

9. Rag, Flock & Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Number of registered premises	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
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10. Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957

Number of licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	2
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Number of inspections made during the year	...	...	...	...	...	2
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11. Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	5
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12. Pet Animals Act, 1951

Number of premises licensed	...	...	...	...	...	1
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Number of visits made	...	...	...	...	...	2
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13. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

Number of premises licensed	...	...	...	...	...	3
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Number of visits made	...	...	...	...	...	5
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14. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Number of dealers registered	...	...	...	...	...	3
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15. Clean Air Act, 1956/1968

Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	4
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FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	10	4	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	60	17	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	31	28	-	-
TOTALS	101	49	-	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	2	1	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 133 and 134)

Number of Outworkers Nil

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	1	64	10
Retail Shops	-	114	38
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, Canteens	1	14	14
Fuel Storage Depots	1	1	1
TOTALS	3	193	63

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act 89

(B) Analysis of Contraventions

Section	Contraventions	No. found	Section	Contraventions	No. found
4	Cleanliness	-	13	Sitting facilities	-
5	Overcrowding	-	14	Seats (sedentary workers)	-
6	Temperature	-	15	Eating facilities	-
7	Ventilation	-	16	Floors, passages & stairs	1
8	Lighting	-	17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery	-
9	Sanitary conveniences	3	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
10	Washing facilities	1	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
11	Supply of drinking water	-	23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
12	Clothing accommodation	-	24	First Aid General Provisions	2
				Total	7

(C) Exemptions

Number of applications received ... Nil
Number of applications granted ... Nil

(D) Prosecutions

Number instituted and completed during the year Nil

(E) Reported Accidents

... Nil

HOUSING

(A) Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts

Number of houses rendered fit after service of notice:

	Sections 9, 10 and 16 Housing Act, 1957		Public Health and similar Local Acts		Totals	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
(a) By Owner	53	2	-	-	53	2
(b) By Local Authority	-	-	-	-	-	-

(B) Beyond Repair - Housing Act, 1957

Number of (i) Undertaking accepted (Section 16) ... 4
(ii) Closing Orders made (Section 17) ... -
(iii) Demolition Orders made (Section 17)... -
(iv) Closing Orders made (Section 18) ... -
(v) Closing Orders determined (Section 27) ... 5
(vi) Closing Orders revoked and Demolition
Orders substituted (Section 28) ... -
(vii) Houses demolished following Demolition
Orders ... 2
(viii) Houses repaired under Section 24 after
Demolition Orders ... -

(C) Clearance Areas

(1) Represented during the year ... Nil
(2) Action taken during the year ... Nil
(3) Purchase of houses by agreement ... Nil

(D) Improvement Grants

(1) Discretionary

	<u>Owner/Occupiers</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
(i) Number of applications received	27	3
(ii) Number of applications approved	27	3
(iii) Number of applications refused	-	-
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	13	1
(v) Amount paid in grants		£ 8,536 - 00
(vi) Average grant per house		609 - 00

(2) Standard

	<u>Owner/Occupiers</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
(i) Number of applications received	21	7
(ii) Number of applications approved	20	6
(iii) Number of applications refused	1	1
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	20	6
(v) Amount paid in grants		£ 5,023 - 00
(vi) Average grant per house		155 - 00
(vii) Amenities provided		
(a) fixed bath or shower		22
(b) wash hand basin		23
(c) hot water supply (to any fittings)		25
(d) water closet		
(1) within dwelling		18
(2) accessible from dwelling		-
(e) sink		7

(3) Special Grants (Multiple Occupied Premises)

Number of applications received Nil

(E) Housing Act, 1969

(1) General Improvement Areas

Number of areas	(a)	Surveyed	...	...	...	...	Nil
	(b)	Declared	...	...	...	...	Nil

(2) Qualification Certificates

(a) Cases where Improvements Required

(i)	Number of applications for Qualification Certificates - Section 44(2)	3
(ii)	Number of Certificates of Provisional Approval issued ...	3
(iii)	Number of Qualification Certificates issued - Section 46(3) ...	2

(b) Standard Amenities already Provided

(i)	Number of applications for Qualification Certificates - Section 44(1)	6
(ii)	Number of Qualification Certificates issued - Section 45(2) ...	5

(F) Improvement Areas - Housing Act, 1964

(1)	Number of dwellings improved	...	...	...	...	Nil
(2)	Dwellings outside improvement area	...	...	...	...	Nil

(G) Houses in Multiple Occupation

No houses falling into this category were inspected during the year.

Land Charge Enquiries

A total of 580 enquiries were dealt with during the year.

Caravans (as at 31st December, 1971)

Number of site licences issued	...	...	...	...	8
Total number of caravans permitted on licensed sites	..				9
Number of caravans on unlicensed sites	...	...	...		5
Number of sites licensed for movable dwellings other than caravans	...	...			Nil

Common Lodging Houses

Number registered in the District	...	...	...	...	Nil
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supplies

Number of registered distributors	...	...	...	...	24
Number of registered dairies - Wholesale	...	...	...		Nil
Retail	...	...	...		2

Milk Sampling

No samples were taken during the year.

2. Ice Cream

Number of premises registered	(a) for the manufacture of ice cream	Nil
	(b) for the sale of ice cream	52

3. Premises Registered for the Manufacture of Preserved Foods

<u>Classification</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>
Sausage Making	8

4. Slaughterhouses

Number in District 1

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	54	-	1	7	-	-
Number inspected	54	-	1	7	-	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	9.2	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of slaughtermen's licences renewed during the year 2

Number of new licences issued during the year Nil

5. Food Premises subject to The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

Category of Trade	Number in District	Number fitted to comply with Reg. 16 (wash basins	Number to which Reg. 19 applies (provision of sinks, etc.)	Number fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Bakehouses	5	5	5	5
Dairies	2	2	2	2
Butchers	9	9	9	9
Restaurants & Cafes	22	22	22	22
Confectioners	23	23	23	23
Fish Shops	3	3	-	-
Licensed Premises	33	33	33	33
Grocers	36	36	36	36
Greengrocers	3	3	-	-

6. Food & Drugs Act, 1955

Details of samples taken by the Kent County Sampling Officers within the Cranbrook Rural District during the year ended 31st December, 1971

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Milk	34	2
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes	5	-
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals	2	1
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials	3	1
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies	5	-
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables	7	-
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments	7	-
Drugs, medicines	7	-
Beer, wines, spirits	6	1
Miscellaneous	3	2
	<u>79</u>	<u>7</u>

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

Pasteurised Milk

Contained small amount of extraneous water. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Pasteurised Milk

Bottle contained small plastic toy. Dairy cautioned.

Part Loaf of Bread

Contained pieces of broken glass apparently from oven light. Baker cautioned.

Jaffa Grapefruit Juice - Natural

Analysis suggests that juice had been modified. Importers cautioned.

Wine of Kent

Incorrectly labelled. Producer advised.

Vine Leaves Stuffed with Rice

Ingredients not correctly listed. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Fresh Jersey Cream

Failed Methylene Blue test. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

7. Poultry Inspection

Number of poultry processing premises within the District ... Nil

8. Unsound Food

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Fish	-	1	-	2	-
Meat	-	-	1	-	-
Tinned Foods	-	-	2	24	-
Other Foods (vegetables)	16	11	-	-	-

In addition, 2,172 cartons of melons and 484 cartons of celery were condemned.

Unsound meat is stained before collection for industrial use. Other unsound foods are buried in the refuse tip.

9. Food Poisoning

No case of food poisoning was notified during the year.

RAINFALL

The monthly figures in inches for rainfall recorded at the Council's Depot at Cranbrook are as follows:-

Month	Rainfall	No. of days on which a measurable quantity fell
January	4.21	19
February	1.08	9
March	2.50	16
April	1.96	8
May	2.09	13
June	5.27	18
July	1.22	4
August	3.63	15
September	0.33	5
October	3.00	8
November	1.84	18
December	0.80	9
Total	27.93	142

The average annual rainfall recorded over the previous ten years was 30.60.

The quantity of rain recorded at the Sandhurst Sewage Works during the year was 631.4 mms. (24.91 inches).

